"Since August 1944, the available supplies of yarn have been rationed equitably among the handlooms all over the Province. Yarn quotas have been fixed for each district, and what is sent to each district is distributed to the weavers through a chain of distributors consisting of quota-holders, sub-wholesalers and retailers who between them charge a profit margin ranging from 10 to 15 per cent over the ex-mill price. Yarn sent to each centre is distributed through the dealers in proportion to their turn over in the past. The supply of yarn to each handloom is made against ration cards which specify the quantities and counts of yarn which the loom is entitled to receive and the retail dealer who should make the supply.

"The Village, Taluk, Town and District Committees recently constituted by the Government will assist the officers of the Textile Control Department in enforcing the yarn control measures.

"The attention of the hon. member is also invited to the proceedings No. 4653, Development, dated 19th December 1946, and No. 4696, Development, dated 23rd December 1946, of the Government reorganizing the administration of the Textile Control Department and directing organization of Weavers Co-operative Societies. Copies of these proceedings have been placed on the table of the House."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" What is the rate of profit allowed to the middlemen? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I think about 18¾ per cent."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Throughout the whole process of distribution? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" That is what we have fixed. Hitherto it was 29 per cent but now it is 18¾ only."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" To these middlemen—the post office through which the yarn goes to the consumer—what does the post office get? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I would like to have a separate question about post office mentioned by the hon. member."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it a fact that in one of proceedings referred to by the Hon. Minister a scheme has been promulgated indirectly compelling every weaver to join a co-operative society? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" We desire them to join."

Assistant Commissioners of Textiles.

* 93 *Q.*—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of the posts of Inspecting Assistant Commissioners of Textiles created recently ;

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(b) whether it is a fact that the posts were not advertised;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Public Service Commission was not consulted in making the appointments;

(d) the names, caste, age, educational and other qualifications of the men selected for the posts;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Muslim community and other backward communities are excluded while selecting the nominees; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the communal ratio is not being observed in making the new appointments that are created by the present Government; and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (a) Sixteen.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) Besides the 16 posts newly created, there were three other vacancies also. The names, etc., of the 19 persons appointed to these posts are given in the statement [a] placed on the table of the House.

" (e) The answer is in the negative.

" (f) Except in the case of three appointments where persons already in Government service have been posted as Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners, the other appointments have been made on contract for a period of one year from the date of appointment. The communal rule is not applicable to such appointment. The Government, however, selected the officers from the different communities in the Province."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know why not even one from the Ceded districts has been included? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I am not sure; I think the subsequent list that is coming includes this."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" From the statement placed on the table of the House, I find that most of the Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners are lawyers and not one of them seems to possess textile qualifications; may I ask whether any attempts were made to get persons with textile qualifications? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" Attempts are being made."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister does not feel that Muslim representation is inadequate? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" Wait and see."

Appointment of Law Officers.

* 94 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether the appointment of Law Officers in the City and the mufassal is subject to age restriction;

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 345 infra.